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1. SUMMARY: SIXTH PAN AFRICAN CONFERENCE (SPAC) IS SCHEDULED FOR
DAR ES SALAAM JUNE 19-27. DELEGATES WILL COME FROM AFRICA AND
AFRICAN DIASPORA. TANGOV IS TRYING HARD TO GET CONTROL OF
CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

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2. BACKGROUND. LAST PAN AFRICAN CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE IN

MANCHESTER IN 1945. SPARK FOR ORGANIZING SPAC BEGAN SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN US AND CANADA. TANZANIA AGREED TO HOST CONFERENCE WHICH IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 19-27 AT UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM. SPONSOR IS TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION, (TANU), SOLE POLITICAL PARTY IN TANZAINA. BETWEEN 600 AND 800 PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED. EMB. OFF. REVIEWED STATUS OF SPAC MAY 10 WITH TANGOV COORDINATOR FOR CONFERENCE, BERNARD MUGANDA.

3. EXPECTED DELEGATIONS.

A. NORTH AMERICA. HEAD OF DELEGATION WILL BE PROF. JAMES TURNER FROM CORNELL. IMAMU BARAKA OF CONGRESS OF AFRICAN PEOPLED WILL ALSO BE KEY FIGURE. SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN HAVE BEEN INVITED ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHO OR HOW MANY WILL ATTEND. NORTH AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EITHER OFFICIAL DELEGATES, OBSERVORS, OR SPECIAL GUESTS OF SPAC. ALL NORTH AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY STEERING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF AFRICAN AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON CHAIRED BY TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR BOMANI. COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED 168 PARTICIPANTS AND REJECTED 10.

B. AFRICA. EACH OAU COUNTRY HAS BEEN INVITED TO SEND MAXIMUM OF 10 DELEGATES REPRESENTING GOVERNMENT OR RULING PARTY. SOME COUNTRIES WILL SEND LESS THAN 10. GAMBIA AND SWAZILAND, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE SAID THEY EILL SEND TWO EACH. IT APPEARS MOST AFRICAN DELEGATIONS WILL BE LED BY PERSON OF MINISTERIAL RANK. KENYA HAS PRESENTED SPECIAL PROBLEM. KENYATTA, WHO ATTENDED FIFTH PAN AFRICAN CONFERENCE, WAS INVITED BUT HAS REGRETTED. GOK HAS INFORMED TANGOV THAT VP MOI WILL PROBABLY REPRESENT KENYA, NOTING THAT MOI DOES NOT TRAVEL WITH LESS THAN 25 PEOPLE. TANGOV WILL MAKE EXCEPTION TO 10-PERSON LIMITATION FOR KENYA. MUGANDA SAID, SMILING, WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD FROM GENERAL AMIN OF UGANDA.

C. CARIBBEAN. IN ORDER TO AVOID PARTICIPATION OF CERTAIN UNDESIRABLE CARIBBEAN DELEGATES, TANGOV IS LIMITING ATTENDANCE TO REPS OF CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS AND RULING PARTIES. NO OTHER DELEGATES WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM CARIBBEAN AND TANGOV IS PREPARED TO REFUSE ENTRANCE INTO COUNTRY SHOULD UNAUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE.

D. EUROPE. MUGANDA AND TANU DEPUTY SECRETARY GEISLAR MAPUNDA HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM PARIS AND LONDON IN CONJUNCTION CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH PREPARATIONS FOR SPAC. IN PARIS THEY FOUND SOME EXILES FROM NORTH AFRICA WHO PLANNED TO ATTEND CONF. FOR PURPOSE OF CRITICIZING ESTABLISHED NORTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. MUGANDA NOTED THERE WILL NOW BE NO DELEGATION FROM FRANCE OR ANY OTHER CONTINENTAL COUNTRY. DURING LONDON VISIT MUGANDA AND MAPUNDA WERE DISTURBED TO FIND THAT SOME OF PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS HAD BEEN IN JAIL OR WERE OTHERWISE UNDESIRABLE. SYSTEM HAS NOW BEEN DEVISED WHEREIN DOZEN INTERESTED UK ORGANIZATIONS WILL

MEET IN MID-MAY AND DECIDE ON 8 PARTICIPANTS FROM UK.

E. PACIFIC AREA. ONLY DELEGATION EXPECTED FROM PACIFIC AREA
IS ONE FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

4. FINANCING. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PAY OWN TRANSPORTATION AND
HOTEL COSTS. REMAINDER OF FINANCING WILL BE PROVIDED FROM
VARIETY OF SOURCES. SO FAR, 70 PERCENT OF ALL FUNDS COLLECTED
HAS COME FROM VOLUNTARY DONATIONS IN US AND CANADA. TANU HAS
MADE SMALL CONTRIBUTION. CERTAIN AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE ALSO
EXPECTED TO OFFER SUPPORT. ETHIOPIA AND ZAMBIA HAVE ALREADY
INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS.

5. COMMENT: AT CONCLUSION OF BRIEFING, EMB. OFF. COMMENTED
IT APPEARS AS THOUGH TANGOV HAS SITUATION WELL UNDER CONTROL.
MUGANDA REPLIED: "IT LOOKS GREAT ON PAPER BUT THE OUTCOME MAY
BE ANOTHER MATTER."

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